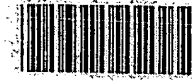


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## IN THE SPECIFICATION

1. On page 1, line 5 of the specification, please amend the text as follows:

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No. 60/134,253 filed May 13, 1999, entitled "Method And Apparatus For  
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Application Serial No. 60/104,271 filed October 14, 1998, of the same title.]—